

Government of the District of Columbia  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. Dewitt  
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**DATE:** January 6, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – “Belmont Park Designation and Establishment Act of 2013”

**REFERENCE:** Bill 20-110 as Introduced

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The bill establishes the public right-of-way west of Connecticut Avenue N.W., at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, N.W. and Belmont Road, N.W., adjacent to Lot 197, Square 2526, as a public park within the park system of the District of Columbia, and designates it as “Belmont Park.” It transfers the management responsibility for the land from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

The cost to DDOT is an estimated \$460 for fabrication and installation of new signage. This cost can be absorbed within the agency’s current budget. The transfer of responsibility to DPR means this park will need to be maintained by the Department of General Services (DGS). While the property is currently within DDOT’s portfolio, it appears there has not been any budget for maintenance of the space by DDOT. It is estimated that maintenance of a small park on this land will cost \$10,209 annually. This estimate is based on the average cost of small park maintenance currently maintained by DGS. The cost can be absorbed within the agency’s current budget.